

CHAPTER 1140

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATIONS

S. F. 509

AN ACT relating to autopsies and postmortem examinations.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. NEW SECTION. An autopsy or postmortem examina-
 2 tion may be performed upon the body of a deceased person by a physi-
 3 cian whenever the written consent to the examination or autopsy has
 4 been obtained by any of the following persons, in order of priority
 5 stated when persons in prior classes are not available at the time of
 6 death, and in the absence of actual notice of contrary indications by the
 7 decedent or actual notice of opposition by a member of the same or
 8 prior class:

- 9 1. The spouse.
- 10 2. An adult son or daughter.
- 11 3. Either parent.
- 12 4. An adult brother or sister.
- 13 5. A guardian of the person of the decedent at the time of his death.
- 14 6. Any other person authorized or under obligation to dispose of the
 15 body.

16 The provisions of this section shall not apply to any death investi-
 17 gated under the authority of sections three hundred thirty-nine point
 18 six (339.6) through three hundred thirty-nine point twelve (339.12)
 19 of the Code.

1 SEC. 2. Section three hundred thirty-nine point thirteen (339.13),
 2 Code 1973, unnumbered paragraph two (2), is amended by adding the
 3 following new sentence:

4 NEW SENTENCE. However, the body of a deceased person may be
 5 sent out of state for the purpose of an autopsy or postmortem exami-
 6 nation if the county medical examiner certifies in writing that the out-
 7 of-state autopsy or postmortem examination is necessary or, in the
 8 case of a death which is not in the public interest, as defined in section
 9 three hundred thirty-nine point six (339.6) of the Code, if the attend-
 10 ing physician certifies to the county medical examiner that the per-
 11 formance of the autopsy out of state is proper.

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CHAPTER 1141

PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

H. F. 733

AN ACT relating to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, and osteopathy and providing penalties.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section one hundred forty-seven point eighty (147.80),*
 2 subsection two (2), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

*Cannot apply—repealed by 65 GA, ch 1086, §89